

SOUTH (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 4TH JUNE, 2014

PRESENT: Councillor K Bruce in the Chair

Councillors N Dawson, J Dunn, J Elliott,
R Finnigan, B Gettings, S Golton,
T Leadley, L Mulherin, D Nagle,
K Renshaw and S Varley

74 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

75 Minutes - 31 March 2014

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2014 be confirmed as a correct record.

76 Matters arising from the minutes

Further to minute 62 it was reported that issues involving room bookings and invoicing had not yet been resolved. Area Management agreed to investigate this.

With regard to the New Environmental Locality Service and development of the 2014/15 Service Level Agreement a further report would be brought to the July meeting.

It was reported that there had been a meeting with Morley Elderly Action regarding the potential for reducing administration fees and providing more gardening services. A further report would be brought to a future meeting.

Winter warmth packs – it was reported that the application for funding would be submitted earlier this year and that it was hoped to distribute the packs from October onwards.

77 Open Forum

In accordance with paragraphs 6.24 and 6.25 of the Area Committee Procedure rules, the Chair allowed a period of up to 10 minutes for members of the public to make representations or ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee. On this occasion there were no members of the public in attendance.

78 Election of Chair

The report of the City Solicitor outlined the process for the election of Chair for the 2014/15 municipal year.

Nominations had been submitted on behalf of Councillor K Bruce and Councillor R Finnigan.

RESOLVED – that following a tied vote, the Election of Chair for the 2014/15 municipal year be deferred to the Annual Council meeting to be held on 9 June 2014.

79 Leeds Let's Get Active

The report of the Director of City Development presented a detailed picture of work being undertaken to successfully deliver the Leeds Let's Get Active Initiative along with current progress against targets.

Rachel Brighton of Sports and Active Lifestyle presented the report.

Issues highlighted included the following:

- The Leeds Lets Get Active (LLGA) initiative had received funding from Sport England, Public Health and others and aimed to break down barriers to physical inactivity.
- There were offers of 1 hour per day free access to 17 leisure centres across the City with up to 2 hours in deprived areas.
- There was a wide range of activities available in 10 to 12 week blocks.
- Numbers participating had been higher than expected and were still growing – further up to date figures would be provided to Area Management.

In response to Members comments and questions, the following was discussed:

- Golf wasn't one of the activities currently provided but all possible activities were currently being considered as to whether they could be provided under the initiative.
- Providing transport and childcare for service users.
- Provision for people with learning difficulties.
- Use of parks

80 Summary of Key Work

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens & Communities) presented an update on the key work taking place within the Outer South Leeds area not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Aretha Hanson, Area Officer presented the report.

Dawn Mason of West Yorkshire Trading Standards gave the Area Committee an update on the Financial Fitness programme. Issues highlighted included the following:

- The project was funded in Leeds by Public Health.
- Delivery of Financial Fitness workshops – these covered doorstep callers, fraud, budgeting and understanding APR.
- Impact of Welfare Reform.
- An example of a scam that had been used on a Rothwell resident was explained.

In response to comments and questions from Members, the following was discussed:

- Provision of a workshop for Elected Members.
- Links with the Housing Advisory Panel.
- The impact of debt as a contributor to mental health and depression.
- Role of other organisations including Citizen's Advice, Credit Union and Welfare Rights.

Further issues discussed from the summary of key work report included the following:

- Breeze events approved across the Outer South area.
- Environmental Sub-Group – It was reported that Kris Nenandic would be taking over from Tom Smith as Locality Manager. There would also be changes to the way of working and negotiations were currently underway with unions and staff.
- Health and Wellbeing – Members attention was brought to the Patient Empowerment Programme and Memory Cafes.
- Adult Social Care – An evaluation was being carried out following the distribution of winter warmth packs. There had previously been discussion regarding the establishment of an Older Persons Sub Group which could assist in the distribution of the packs.
- Members were made aware of forthcoming events including an Apprenticeship Event and a Community Heroes event.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

81 Wellbeing Report

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens & Communities) provided Members with the following:

- Details of the Wellbeing Budget position.
- An update on both the revenue, capital and activities fund elements of the Wellbeing Budget.
- Details of revenue funding for consideration and approval.

- Details of revenue projects agreed to date which link to the priorities and actions in the Area Committee Business Plan.
- The current position of the small grants budget.

Aretha Hanson, Area Officer presented the report.

Members' attention was drawn to the Youth Activities Fund and remaining funds that would be carried forward. It was also reported that the CCTV for St Mary's Church was still awaiting permission due to its listed building status.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That the position of the Wellbeing, Capital and Activities fund elements of the wellbeing budgets be noted.
- (3) That the revenue projects already agreed be noted.
- (4) That the small grants situation be noted.

82 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 9 July at 4.00 p.m.